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SUBJECT: PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

1. MINISTER OF STATE AZIZ AHMED HANDED FOLLOWING GOP
"SOURCE REPORTS" ON AFGHAN MILITARY ACTIVITY TO
AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 26 IN COURSE OF THEIR DISCUSSION
OF BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS.

"1. SOURCE REPORT DATED 24TH NOVEMBER, 1975. THERE
HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ARMY AND AIRFORCE EXERCISES ON
LARGER SCALES THAN IN THE PAST SOME OF WHICH WERE SEEN
BY THE C-IN-C WHILE THE OTHERS WERE SEEN BY THE
PRESIDENT HIMSELF. OTHER DISTURBING BUT CONFIRMED
REPORTS ARE:

(A) THAT THE AFGHANS HAVE CANCELLED ALL
LEAVE OF ARMY OFFICERS.

(B) THAT THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HAVE
ASKED OFFICERS WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF PAKISTAN TERRITORY
AND WHO HAVE HAD TRAINING IN MOUNTAIN WAREFARE TO REPORT
TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

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(C) THAT SOME FORCES HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM

JALALABAD CLOSER TO OUR BORDER.

(D) THAT A MODERN COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE UNDER SOVIET SUPERVISION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT ASMAR CLOSE TO OUR BORDER; AND

(E) THAT SOME BALUCH DISSIDENTS WHO HAD CROSSED OVER INTO AFGHANISTAN ARE BEING GIVEN ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR SABOTAGE IN OUR TERRITORY."

"2. SOURCE REPORT DATED 23RD DECEMBER, 1975. A HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE IN THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HAS CONFIRMED THAT SOME OF THE MILITARY STEPS WHICH OUR PRIME MINISTER REFERRED IN THE END OF NOVEMBER WERE ACTUALLY TAKEN. SOME AFGHAN FORCES AND EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN MOVED CLOSER TO THE BORDER ALTHOUGH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE MOVE IS NOT ALARMING. WE ALSO LEARN THAT TWO MORE BRIGADES ARE LIKELY TO MOVE FROM KABUL AREA CLOSER TO THE BORDER. FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF THIS NEW REPORT IS AWAITED. IT IS ALSO LEARNT THAT COMPARATIVELY LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION HAVE BEEN FLOWING INTO AFGHANISTAN RECENTLY FROM THE SOVIET UNION, AMONGST THEM SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF T-SD 2 TANKS. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER FAIRLY RELIABLE MEDIA OF INFORMATION, TWO SENIOR AND ONE JUNIOR INDIAN ARMY OFFICERS ARRIVED IN KABUL UNDER FAKE NAMES ON 11 DECEMBER. THEY WERE RECEIVED QUIETLY AT THE AIRPORT BY THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR AND WERE SHIFTED AWAY TO AFGHAN ARMY BARRACKS. THEY WERE JOINED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS BY FOUR RUSSIAN OFFICERS WHO FLEW FROM THE SOVIET UNION. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THESE OFFICERS ARE ADVISING THE AFGHANS ON THE DISPOSITION OF THEIR TROOPS AND ARE ALSO COORDINATING INTELLIGENCE. THE INDIAN OFFICERS HERE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE MET SOME OF THE BALUCHI REFUGEES WHOM THEY OFFERED TO TRAIN AND EQUIP FOR CREATING TROUBLE IN BALUCHISTAN. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE BALUCHIS WERE RELUCTANT TO OBLIGE. THE INDIAN OFFICERS ARE ALSO SAID TO BE SELECTING AFGHAN AIRFORCE OFFICERS FOR TRAINING IN INDIA.

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ACCORDING TO AMERICAN SOURCES HERE, RUSSIAN ADVISERS HAVE BEEN ATTACHED TO THE AFGHAN ARMIES AT DIVISION LEVEL IN SOME AREAS CLOSE TO OUR BORDER."

2. EMBASSY KABUL MAY WANT TO COMMENT ON THESE REPORTS. BYROADE

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